



Knit or crochet squares for change!

The Unite for Mothers campaign needs **1,400** 20x20cm “peggy” squares to represent the number of children infected with HIV every day, mostly as a result of mother to child transmission.

We will stitch the squares into a giant baby blanket which will be handed to MP mums this Mother’s Day (Sunday 10th May) along with our petition calling for the NZ Government to urgently respond to the HIV and AIDS crisis in the Pacific. To find out more about the campaign, please visit <http://www.unicef.org/nz/page/260/UniteforMothers.html>

After the Mother’s Day celebration, the giant blanket will be split into smaller baby blankets which will be shipped to Papua New Guinea to be used by mothers in PNG for their babies.

When your squares are completed please post or drop them in to UNICEF NZ by **Friday 1st May.**

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Follow these simple instructions to knit or crochet your squares for change. Be as creative as you like with your 20 x 20cm square. Making the squares consistent in size and weight will help us to join the squares quickly and easily to make the giant baby blanket!

FOR ONE 20 x 20 cm garter stitch square, you will need:

- 8 ply/double knit yarn
- Size 6mm needles

1. Cast on 32 stitches
2. Row 1: knit

3. Row 2: knit. These two rows form the 'garter' stitch knitting pattern for your square
4. Continue knitting as per these two rows until you have knitted a square
5. To ensure you knit a definite square, either use a tape measure to make sure the side of the square is the same length as the width, or form a triangle by folding one corner of your square over to meet the opposite corner - if all sides are equal - then you have a square.
6. Cast off

VERY IMPORTANT: Leave a 2m (2 and a bit yards) length of your yarn attached to your work after you have cast off. This will be used to join the squares together.

FOR ONE 20 x 20 cm crochet square, you will need:

- 8 ply/double knit yarn
 - Size J/6mm hook
1. Chain 24, double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and each chain to end (23 stitches including chains), turn.
 2. Chain 2 (counts as 1 double crochet here and throughout), double crochet in each double crochet c across, turn.
 3. Repeat last row 11 times.
 4. Pull yarn through last chain loop on hook to finish

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For further help check out:

www.knittinghelp.com
www.knit-a-square.com/knitting-instructions.html
www.woolcrafting.com/how-to-crochet

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